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House Resolution No. 2972

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have developed and maintained exceptional reputations in light of the excellence of their achievements in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Patricia Wallace has attained considerable distinction as a gracious and supportive representative of the University of Missouri-Columbia during her husband's nearly seven-year-long tenure as Chancellor; and

Whereas, Patricia Wallace arrived at the University of Missouri in 1966 after having lived in Tallahassee, Florida; Nashville, Tennessee; and Chicago, Illinois, while she and her husband devoted themselves to family, work, and their respective studies; and

Whereas, born in Paducah, Kentucky, Patricia Wallace became known as a gifted vocalist from an early age, a talent which she matured, strengthened, and broadened at Peabody College and at Northwestern University; and

Whereas, Patricia Wallace married Richard L. Wallace on August 30, 1956, after which time she earned a Bachelor's degree in music education, served as a teacher, and became a mother with the births of Sandra and Lisa; and

Whereas, Patricia Wallace always found the time to become an involved member of whatever community she found herself as the wife of a scholar whose reputation was increasing in the field of economics; and

Whereas, in addition to taking on the primary responsibility for raising her two children in Columbia, Patricia Wallace has served down through the years as the children's choir director at First United Methodist Church; taught private piano and voice lessons in her home; directed the Columbia Mothersingers as they gave performances in schools, nursing homes, and hospitals; and participated in the Fortnightly organization; and

Whereas, a lasting contribution given by Patricia Wallace to the Columbia campus is her unflagging efforts to renovate the Chancellor's Residence with historical and architectural integrity through the Society for the Preservation of the Chancellor's Residence on Francis Quadrangle, which she founded with true vision and leadership:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, highly-successful service so generously contributed by Patricia Wallace to the University of Missouri-Columbia and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest best wishes as she and her beloved husband, Chancellor Richard Wallace, partake of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Patricia Wallace of Columbia, Missouri.